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Paul GILSON et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3762  
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For: SUPPORT FRAME FOR AN )  
EMBOLIC PROTECTION DEVICE )

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please further amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Before the first line of the specification please insert the following new paragraph:

--This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/IE00/00054, filed May 8, 2000.--

**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the first line of the specification in accordance with the requirements of receiving the benefit of the filing date of International Application No. PCT/IE00/00054 under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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